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**By: Senator Boozer**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Small Employer Group Health Insurance - Qualifications of Small Employer**

3 FOR the purpose of broadening the group of self-employed individuals or sole  
4 proprietorships that qualify as small employers for the purpose of eligibility under  
5 the Maryland Health Insurance Reform Act.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Insurance  
8 Section 15-1203(c)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1995 Volume and 1996 Supplement)  
11 (As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 11) of the Acts of the General Assembly of  
12 1997)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article - Insurance**

16 15-1203.

17 (c) An individual is considered a small employer under this subtitle if the  
18 individual is a self-employed individual or sole proprietorship:

19 (1) a substantial part of whose income derives from a trade or business  
20 through which the individual has attempted to earn taxable income;

21 (2) who has filed the appropriate Internal Revenue Form 1040, Schedule  
22 [C or F,] C, E, OR F, for the previous taxable year; and

23 (3) for whom a copy of the Internal Revenue form has been filed with the  
24 carrier as proof of employment.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 1997.